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SUBJECT: US-SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS--TREATY TITLE

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MCCLOSKEY

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1. AS I NOTED IN AN EARLIER CABLE, WE MUST BE FIRM WITH THE SPANISH AND CONVINCE THEM THAT WE CANNOT AGREE TO HAVE THE WORD "DEFENSE" APPEAR IN THE TITLE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. SPARKMAN AND EAGLETON, BOTH OF WHOM INCIDENTALLY WOULD SUPPORT US IF WE SUBMITTED AS A TREATY, FOREWARNED ME YESTERDAY THAT TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD SEVERELY PREJUDICE THE RECEPTION WE RECEIVE IN THE SENATE. IT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY TO ALLOW A MERE TITLE TO HURT OUR CHANCES ON THE HILL.

2- I SEE MERIT IN A VERY SIMPLE TITLE, SUCH AS SPANISH-US TREATY OF COOPERATION. AFTER ALL, COOPERATION IS THE HEART OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE SPANISH CAN EXPLAIN TO THEIR PUBLIC THAT IT COVERS MANY FACETS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH

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MAJOR FOCUS ON DEFENSE. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR SEARCH FOR SOMETHING SUITABLE. IF NOTHING ELSE WORKS, WE COULD RESORT

TO THE CLASSICAL FORM OF HAVING NO TITLE AT ALL. THE COVER
OF THE DOCUMENT WOULD MERELY SAY "TREATY BETWEEN SPAIN AND
THE US, ETC". KISSINGER

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